



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Public Meeting, Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed withdrawal and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 12,437 acres of public lands and 939.56 acres of reserved Federal mineral interest from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, for a period of 20 years to protect scenic and recreation values in the Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area. Publication of this proposal segregates the land for 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws and initiates a 90-day public comment period.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022, at 6 p.m. and can be attended using the following link:

<https://blm.zoomgov.com/j/1611421807?pwd=UVhRd3JZTkhoOaXU3WXRvMnViSjIyUT09>

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093. The BLM is preparing an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate the proposed withdrawal and anticipates

reaching a finding of no significant impact. Information regarding the proposed withdrawal, including environmental and other reviews will be available at the Colorado State Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jardine, Senior Realty Specialist, BLM Colorado State Office, telephone: (970) 385-1224; email: jjardine@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Jardine. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the address listed previously. The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw, for a period of 20 years, subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands from location or entry under the United States mining laws but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws:

Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 1 N., R. 79 W.,

sec. 8, Parcels A, B, C, and D;

sec. 17, Parcels A and B, NE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and N1/2SW1/4;

sec. 18, lot 3.

T. 1 N., R. 80 W.,

sec. 13, lots 1 to 4;

sec. 14, SW1/4SE1/4 and that portion of the S1/2SW1/4 lying southerly from the northern right-of-way fence of Grand County Road No. 33, described in the Warranty

Deed Document No. 99004513, filed April 23, 1999, and depicted on the survey plat No. LS400, filed on July 13, 1995, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado; sec. 15, lots 9 and 11, S1/2SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4, and a metes and bounds parcel located in the N1/2SW1/4 described in the Warranty Deed Document No. 99004513, filed April 23, 1999, and depicted on the survey plat No. LS398, filed on July 13, 1995, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado;

sec. 16, a metes and bounds parcel located in the S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4, described in the Warranty Deed Document No. 99004513, filed April 23, 1999, in the deed filed under Reception Number 89020, February 5, 1959, in the deed filed under Reception Number 88584, November 12, 1958, and depicted on the survey plats No. 398 and No. LS399, filed on July 13, 1995, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado;

sec. 19, NE1/4SE1/4, and a metes and bounds parcel located in the N1/2NE1/4 described in the Warranty Deed Document No. 99004513, filed April 23, 1999, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado;

sec. 20, lots 2 and 3, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4;

sec. 21, N1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and that portion of the N1/2NW1/4 lying northerly from the centerline of Grand County Road 33 described in the Warranty Deed Document No. 99004513, filed April 23, 1999, in the deed filed under Reception Number 89020, February 5, 1959, and depicted on the survey plat No. LS399, filed on July 13, 1995, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado;

sec. 22, lots 1 thru 4.

T. 1 N., R. 81 W.,

sec. 13, SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 23, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 24, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 27, lots 1 thru 15;
sec. 28, SE1/4 and SE1/4SW1/4;
sec. 32, E1/2 and SW1/4;
sec. 33, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and W1/2.

T. 1 S., R. 81 W.,

sec. 5, lots 8 and 9;
sec. 6, lots 6, 7, and lots 9 thru 18;
sec. 7, lots 5 thru 19;
sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, and E1/2NW1/4.

T. 1 S., R. 82 W.,

sec. 12, lots 1 thru 5, SW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;
sec. 13, lots 1 thru 9, W1/2SW1/4 and that portion of Tract 53 lying westerly of the medial line, an ambulatory line, of the Colorado River;
sec. 14, E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 22, SE1/4;
sec. 23, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;
sec. 24, lots 1, 2, and 3, NW1/4NW1/4, and S1/2NW1/4;
sec. 27, SW1/4NW1/4, a metes and bounds parcel located in the W1/2NE1/4 and E1/2NW1/4 described in the Warranty Deed with Reception No. 258382, filed June 26, 1987, in the official records of Grand County, Colorado, and a metes and bounds parcel located in the N1/2NW1/4 described in the Warranty Deed with Reception Number 374902, filed September 29, 1986, in the official records of Grand County;
sec. 28, lots 4 thru 6, NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;
sec. 32, those portions of unpatented Mineral Survey No. 13963 lying within the E1/2 of sec. 32, and that portion of Tract 82 within the E1/2 of sec. 32;

sec. 33, lots 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6, lots 8 thru 11, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, and that portion of the Bona Dea Placer located in sec. 33;
sec. 34, lot 1 and NW1/4NW1/4.

T. 2 S., R. 82 W.,

sec. 4, lots 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19, lots 26 thru 30, S1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, and that portion of the Bona Dea Placer located in sec. 4;
sec. 5, lots 5, 6, and 11, lots 14 thru 22, lots 25 and 26, S1/2NE1/4, and N1/2SE1/4 and that portion of the Bona Dea Placer located in sec. 5;
sec. 6, lots 20, 30, 31, 32, 37, and 38, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and SE1/4;
sec. 7, lots 5, thru 7, lots 11 thru 21, NE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 18, lots 5 thru 12, and lots 14 thru 17.

T. 2 S., R. 83 W.,

sec. 12, lot 4;
sec. 13, lots 1 thru 4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;
sec. 23, E1/2NE1/4, S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4SE1/4, and N1/2SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4;
sec. 24, lot 1, E1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;
sec. 25, NW1/4;
sec. 26, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, and NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate approximately 12,437 acres in Grand and Eagle Counties.

The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw, for a period of 20 years, subject to valid existing rights, the following described reserved minerals from location or entry under the United States mining laws but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

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sec. 20, NW1/4NW1/4.

T. 1 N., R. 81 W.,

sec. 28, N1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 29, SE1/4SE1/4.

T. 1 S., R. 82 W.,

sec. 14, SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 22, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and SW1/4;

sec. 23, NW1/4NW1/4;

sec. 26, lot 1 and SW1/4NW1/4;

sec. 27, lots 1 and 2, and N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 33, that portion of Tract 70 lying within the NW1/4NW1/4.

T. 2 S., R. 82 W.,

sec. 4, lot 22;

sec. 7, that portion of Tract 41 lying in sec. 7.

The areas described aggregate approximately 939.56 acres in Grand and Eagle Counties.

The BLM petition/application has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and therefore it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a rights-of-way, interagency agreement or cooperative agreement, or surface management under 43 CFR subpart 3809 regulations would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of cultural, recreational, and biological resources, nor the financial investments in public campgrounds and other improvements on these lands.

There are no suitable alternative sites, as the described land contains the resource values that need protection.

Water rights will not be needed to fulfill the purpose of the proposed withdrawal.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Colorado State Director at the address listed earlier (see **ADDRESSES**).

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Colorado State Office during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For a period until [INSERT DATE TWO YEARS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], subject to valid existing rights, the lands and mineral interests in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, unless the application is denied or canceled, or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

This withdrawal application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature that will not significantly impact the values to be protected by this

withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1(a).)

Brian Achziger,

Acting BLM Colorado State Director.

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